

# Special Events and Area Information

## Annual Special Events

January	<i>Pony Express Ride:</i> send a letter by Pony Express from Petrified Forest National Park
February	<i>National Invasive Weed Week,</i> February 25-March 2, 2007 and February 24-29, 2008
March	<i>Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month</i>
April	<i>National Park Week,</i> April 22-29, 2007 and April 20-27, 2008  <i>Navajo County Schools Fair</i> at county fairgrounds in Holbrook.
May	<i>National Preservation Month</i>  <i>National Wildflower Week,</i> May 7-13, 2007 and May 5-11, 2008  <i>International Migratory Bird Day,</i> May 12, 2007 and May 10, 2008  <i>International Museum Day,</i> May 18  <i>Memorial Day,</i> observed last Monday of May
Summer	<i>Cultural Demonstrators:</i> Most Saturdays through the summer, visit with silversmiths, dancers, weavers and other demonstrators, many with items for sale.
June	<i>Summer Solstice,</i> June 21: June 14-28, join rangers at a petroglyph at Puerco Pueblo for a solar interaction between 8 am and 10 am.  <i>National Trails Day,</i> June 2, 2007 and June 7, 2008
August	<i>Founders Day:</i> anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, August 25
September	<i>National Public Lands Day:</i> September 29, 2007 and September 27, 2008  <i>Navajo County Fair:</i> county fairgrounds in Holbrook.
October	<i>Earth Science Week,</i> October 7-13, 2007 and October 5-1, 2008  <i>Ghosts of the Past:</i> weekend evening close to Halloween, visit the ghosts of the Petrified Forest for this evening ranger tour. Place and time will be posted on the park website and at the visitor facilities closer to the event .
November	<i>National American Indian Heritage Month</i>  <i>Veterans Day,</i> November 11
December	<i>Parade of Lights,</i> first Saturday in December in Holbrook.  <i>Petrified Forest's Anniversary,</i> December 8



Archaeology Expo



Off the Beaten path programs: find fossils with the park paleontologist

## Learning Center

Petrified Forest is a living laboratory for many fields. The Petrified Forest National Park Learning Center offers a chance for park visitors, employees, and researchers to get together—a time for better understanding and appreciation of the natural and cultural resources of the park and region. Lectures are held on a regular basis. Topics including geology, paleontology, archeology, and biology. Join us to discover Petrified Forest’s many facets! For more information contact the park or stop by the visitor facilities.



Evening program

## Area Information

### Hours of Operation

Summer hours are 7 am to 7 pm MST. Winter hours are 8 am to 5 pm MST. There are transitional hours of operation during spring and fall.

Picnic areas are available at Chinde Point and Rainbow Forest.

### Lodging and Camping

The park does not provide any lodging facilities and camping is limited to backpacking into the Wilderness Area. Nearby communities, national forests, and state parks have a variety of motels and camping offerings. For information call:

Gallup Chamber of Commerce  
505-722-2228

Holbrook Chamber of Commerce  
928-524-6558 or 800-524-2459

Winslow Chamber of Commerce  
928-289-2434

For road conditions call:  
Arizona 1-888-411-7623 or 511  
New Mexico 1-800-432-4269  
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Navajo County Fair



Cultural demonstrations: Hopi pottery



The Painted Desert



National Park Service

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